

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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C. Edward Jordan Jr., Treasurer Commerce Bancorp, Inc. Political Action Committee Fed 1701 Route 70 East Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Identification Number: C00303156

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/96-9/30/96)

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a political committee, other than a multicandidate committee, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. Please refer to the Campaign Guide for information on how a committee qualifies for multicandidate status.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$1,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on

Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-For future filings, please note that your committee need only file the pages on which you have itemized activity. Schedules with no activity may be omitted.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Scott Francis

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